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best boats in the Norwegian Whaling Fleet. It has a large and spacious deck, so that there will be plenty of room for dogs and sledges. Sir E. Shackleton has told an acquaintance in Christiania that he has given up the idea of exploring the South Polar regions, and in future will devote himself to the Arctic.

THE *Journal of Industrial Chemistry* reports that the International Chemical Conference last June decided to hold the next conference in Poland, at the invitation of Mr. Kowalski. At that time the situation in that country seemed fairly settled, but since then affairs have become disturbed, and the council of the union has decided that the next meeting can not be held in Warsaw. Dr. Parsons has extended an invitation from the American Chemical Society to hold the 1921 meeting in the United States, but European chemists are not in a position to make this move. Therefore the council has decided to hold the next meeting at Brussels, at the end of June. However, Mr. Paul Kestner, president of the Société de Chimie Industrielle, will attend the Canadian meeting of the British Chemical Society as the French delegate, and will return by way of the United States, where he will attend the meetings of the American chemical societies.

At the annual general meeting of the Association of Economic Biologists, as we learn from *Nature*, the following were elected officers and councillors for the year 1921: *President*: Sir David Prain. *Hon. Treasurer*: Dr. A. D. Imms, *Hon. Secretary (Gen. and Bot.)* Wm. B. Brierley. *Hon. Secretary (Zool.)*: Dr. S. A. Neave. *Hon. Editor (Bot.)*: Wm. B. Brierley. *Hon. Editor (Zool.)*: D. Ward Cutler. *Council*: Dr. W. Lawrence Balls, Professor V. H. Blackman, F. T. Brooks, A. B. Bruce, Dr. E. J. Butler, F. J. Chittenden, A. D. Cotton, J. C. F. Fryer, Professor J. B. Farmer, E. E. Green, Dr. G. A. K. Marshall and Dr. E. J. Russell. In view of the very great increase in the publishing costs of the *Annals of Applied Biology*, it was decided to establish a "Publication Fund," to which all interested in the progress

of biology and in its application to the welfare of man are invited to subscribe. Sir David Prain then delivered his presidential address on "Some Relationships of Economic Biology."

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

At the Founders' Day Celebration of the Johns Hopkins University, announcement was made that the trustees of the university would supplement the fund of \$215,000 raised by the Alumni Association for a memorial dormitory building at Homewood, so that the total cost of the building might be provided for.

In response to the recent appeal of the University of Edinburgh for £500,000, the sum of £200,000 has now been subscribed.

GENERAL LEONARD WOOD has conferred with the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania in regard to accepting the provostship of the university, vacant by the retirement of Dr. Edgar F. Smith.

PROFESSOR FRANK AYDELOTTE, professor of English in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been elected president of Swarthmore College, to succeed Dr. Joseph Swain.

DR. GUY POTTER BENTON, formerly president of the University of Vermont, has been appointed president of the University of the Philippines, with a salary and perquisites of 33,000 pesos (normally \$16,500). The place has been vacant two years.

DR. YANDELL HENDERSON, hitherto professor of physiology in the Yale Medical School, has been transferred to the Graduate School of Yale University under the title of professor of applied physiology.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE SECTION L OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

HAVING been secretary of Section A during a number of years when this section covered both of the subjects mathematics and astron-